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CIA Piped \$1 Million To 2 Teacher Groups

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WASHINGTON — More than \$1 million has flowed to two major teachers organizations through foundations linked to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Recipients were the 983,000-member National Education As-

sociation (NEA) and the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession.

William G. Carr, executive secretary of the NEA and secretary general of the confederation, confirmed Tuesday that both had received funds from

the mysterious Vernon Fund. All available evidence points to the conclusion that the Vernon Fund is a CIA creation.

CARR DID not confirm or deny that the Vernon Fund was a CIA front. His office issued a short statement admitting the receipt of Vernon Grants, but Carr was unavailable for comment.

Other sources estimated the NEA received more than \$60,000 from the Vernon Fund to bolster its Committee on International Relations. It acts as host to foreign educators who visit Washington and represents the NEA in the teaching federation.

Nearly all the federation's

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Bobby knew of CIA activities, Drew Pearson says.

budget comes from the Vernon Fund. For at least the last two years, it has received \$500,000 a year out of total budget of \$555,000.

It sponsors a wide range of programs to develop leadership among educators abroad.

ONE SOURCE said exposure of the Vernon Fund "may cause the whole organization (the federation) to fall apart. Many of the people we have dealt with abroad are now education ministers or hold other important government posts. That could be very embarrassing to them and to us."

In its publications, the federation emphasizes that it is "non-governmental" and "non-American." Its president and vice president are foreigners as well as its governing board, but Carr has long been the key director of the organization.

The teaching federation has sponsored numerous seminars, particularly for educators in developing countries. It held a meeting in Singapore last Fall for Asian educators and more recently sponsored a conference on illiteracy in Tanzania.

L. MORGAN BATES, administrative officer of the federation, refused to furnish any details about the Vernon Fund without Carr's permission.

Bates, 52, said he joined the federation a year and a half ago after a 30-year career in Government. His last job, he said, was a "sensitive post" at the Defense Department.

The Vernon Fund, listed only as a Washington foundation in tax records, does not show up in any of the usual directories.

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